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New and improved at SU: What's changed since last year



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A student waits for the newly placed light at the intersection of Onley and Bateman. Summer construction on Eastern Shore Drive was very apparent this summer.



Tiffany Ansong Photo

Campus construction plans to continue throughout the school year.



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Pat's Pizzeria is one of the 80 locations in Salisbury that offer discounts to students when they show their Gull Card.

BY SARAH KRAUSS AND JACOB TROXELL
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As students settle into another semester at Salisbury University, they may notice some changes on and off campus. From mobile device applications to dorm demolitions, students may find that SU has been busy while they were soaking up the summer sun.

Bateman Street

The familiar path between SU and the student housing in University Village has been under construction to expand sidewalks, making Bateman Street a one-way road equipped with a student-friendly bike lane.

The \$280,000 project was completed on Aug. 22 after three years of planning and proposals, inviting students to travel more safely to campus just as the semester starts.

The City of Salisbury partnered with SU to make the construction possible, adding a \$95,000 new stoplight to Bateman Street in conjunction with the 8-foot sidewalks.

The intersection was a focal point for improvement because of the daily traffic of pedestrians and vehicles.

"One of the primary contributors to accidents was due to the fact that Bateman Street and Onley Road do not align," said Jeffrey Downes, Director of Facilities Planning and Capital Projects and Architectural and Engineering Services.

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Wicomico hall joins LEED – accredited buildings on campus

BY MOLLY FELDMAN
Staff Writer

Salisbury University is making a name for itself amongst the environmentally-friendly with Wicomico Hall earning a Gold Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council as part of their Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design rating system.

SU now has six LEED-certified buildings on campus including the Teacher Education and Technology Center, the Perdue School of Business, Sea Gull Square and Manokin and

Pocomoke residence halls.

SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment pledge in 2007, promising to bring awareness to climate and environmental problems by cutting down on pollution and educating students.

The LEED is a part of the U.S. Green Building Council, whose mission is to change the way people think about where they live and work. By working with local environmentally-friendly builders and contractors, LEED has made strides in bringing awareness to how people live and

how they can improve water and energy efficiency, awareness, education, resources and design.

Following LEED requirements, Wicomico Hall has reduced its water consumption by 42 percent and uses 27.1 percent less energy. With local building materials used, 22 percent of which were recycled, Wicomico Hall received one of the highest levels of certification USGBC awards. SU looks to certify several other campus buildings in the future like the Nanticoke Residence Hall and the Bateman Street Building.

Excellence in marketing and recruitment recognized at SU

BY SARAH KRAUSS
News Editor

The 2012 Marketing-Recruitment Excellence Award presented by higher education communications and research consultant Noel Levitz was given to Salisbury University for outstanding marketing and recruitment efforts and for state-of-the-art facilities provided to students.

Vice President of Student Affairs Dane Foust received the honor, one of four given nationwide, on behalf of SU.

"Thanks to the efforts of many across campus, we have reached new heights in just a few years," Foust said. "We are grateful this work has been recognized."

The planning process for improving and expanding the marketing program began in 2008, Foust said, in attempt to promote student awareness, inquiry, application, admission, deposit and enrollment.

Noel Levitz recognized SU's efforts in increasing SAT scores and growing the minority population amongst students.

Foust stressed the importance of the award to not only incoming students, but to current students as well. Students are part of the population that allowed SU to receive the award, Foust said.

"They should be proud of their campus," Foust said. "Achievements like this only enhance the value of their diploma."

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The threat of these accidents was eliminated by not allowing left-hand turns onto Bateman Street.

Additional road maintenance of bike-lane marking and lighting will complete the project within the coming weeks.

Choptank Hall

Freshmen looking to occupy the high-rise dorms were unable to choose Choptank Hall this fall semester.

Choptank Hall is the first of three high rises to be renovated in the past three years, referred to as the last phase of dorm remodeling by Housing Director Dave Gutoskey.

The first phase included renovations to the traditional dorms surrounding the quad. While remodeling a dorm would usually take a year, it has taken six months on average for SU, Gutoskey said.

The main changes to Choptank feature a central entrance into the dorm, eliminating the North and South entrances. The atrium of the building will be fashioned after the traditional, with large, open atriums and a receptionist desk.

"We knew we needed to get in there. It was not really an inviting space, so creating a community was hard to do," Gutoskey said. "Open and visible space will drastically change that. The traditional renovations show that community has blossomed."

Sprinkler systems will also be added to the building to bring it up to code.

The old school dorm will be modernized with first level carpeting and brick and glass features.

"We don't want to keep up with the Joneses, we want to be

the Joneses," Gutoskey said.

The construction will finish December 2012 and follow with renovations to Chester and Severn Hall.

Apps and Technology

Salisbury University's "SU Daily Planner" is a new way for students to keep up with activities around campus.

The website is Smartphone-friendly, built for easy access on a mobile phone, tablet or laptop. Students can login with the same information they use for MyClasses. The website is not an app available for download in the app store.

There are numerous tabs on the website students can click that have nearly all the information need student, including class schedules, SU News, sports schedules and academic calendars.

Freshman Brian Kragler said he found the app resourceful. "The student life page really keeps me up to date with things happening on and around campus," Kragler said.

The class schedule page can help out students as they begin to adjust to their new schedules for the semester.

Along with "SU Daily Planner," SU created the carpool "Gull Ride" program for students to safely and effectively ride along with a Salisbury student, staff, or faculty member.

The Gull Ride website can be used for vehicle commuting to and from campus, one way trips, biking, or even walking and it's a great way to save gas.

By creating an account at Gullride.com students can post their information and destination on their profile and try to find a match with another person.

While some students may not feel comfortable posting their

personal information or riding with someone they have not met before, posting personal information is optional.

"There are a lot of personal controls and customizations, like if you are a smoker or if you like loud music," said Shelton Wayne, the Director of Campus Sustainability and Environmental Safety.

The only mandatory information visible in a profile is the first name and the Salisbury email address.

"Meet who you're riding with before the trip in a public place, and get to know the person," Shelton said. "If they seem like someone who you may not get along with, don't go."

With over 90 discounts at 80 locations for students in the Salisbury area, students can save money through the College Student Discount Program by showing their Salisbury student ID.

There are a multitude of local hotels, auto shops and restaurants in the Salisbury area that grant SU students these discounts, and sometimes free gifts.

Some locations participating in the discount program include Pat's Pizzeria, Denny's, and Primo Hoagies. The entire list of these businesses offering discounts is online at rovertown.com/salisbury or students can download the free Rovertown app to view all these stores.

In their press release, the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce declared their reasoning for developing this program is that "college students are a vital part of the community and the Chamber of Commerce, City and County Council and Tourism Board want to make sure students are aware of their importance."

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Overheard: How do you feel about the new light on Bateman Street?

Photos by Kristina Miedzinski



"A stop sign was not good enough, I almost got into too many accidents there."
-Connor Bland, Super Senior



"It's inconvenient to people who need to get back onto 13 from Onley."
-Daniel Smith, Junior



"It's a tight squeeze for the shuttle but it slows down traffic, and makes it safer for students."
-Meghan McNulty, Sophomore



"I hate it. I hate that Bateman's a one way road."
-Taylor Julianna, Senior



"It's safer for students to cross."
-Julie Corona, Junior

The ultimate dilemma: To buy a Mac or PC?



BY TYLER GREY
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You've finally arrived at Salisbury and everything is starting to settle into place. You've unpacked your clothes, snacks, school supplies and even your toothbrush. But what are you really waiting to unpack, the thing that most modern teens can't live without?

That's right, it's your computer. Ramblings on Twitter and Facebook about how slow the internet is without an Ethernet cable can be heard around every corner on campus. Laptops can already be seen in abundance in the classroom which, as a freshman, I am not used to seeing. In high school, the only time students were on laptops was when they were pretending to do research and were really just playing Icy Tower or trying to bypass the schools' firewall to get on Facebook. Here at Salisbury, students are using their computers to take notes, pull up online resources to back up their thesis and check important documents for information about the course. This makes computers an invaluable resource, especially in the classroom.

But behind the general blanket term of "computer" hides the age-old question: Mac or PC?

While I was preparing for college, I heard students asking whether they should get a Mac or a PC. That question has still been popping up even since I got here. You may still be wondering whether you made the right choice. Here is some information which may help you with your decision.

PCs generally work out best when studying less graphically demanding disciplines. These include majors in the Perdue School, any history majors, psychology majors and others that don't demand as heavily on graphic arts. A PC sacrifices the "frills and thrills" of a Mac for a more straightforward selection of tools that students in these schools would use more frequently.

Macs on the other hand, are excellent for students studying graphic, audio, design, or any other form of visually-based disciplines or graphics-based majors. While Macs (and their accessories) are more expensive, they are superior in any of these fields program-wise.

You may be wondering what my personal opinion is on the best

overall computer. I am majoring in finance and I am absolutely a promoter of PC use. The programs are much simpler and more to the point, and they allow me to get my work done. However, to my shock, I discovered that at least three different professors at the Perdue School of Business had traded in their PCs for Macs. I interviewed Kashi Khazeh, Ph.D, a professor of economics and finance in the Perdue School of Business about whether he preferred his students to use Mac or PC. I expected Khazeh to automatically say PC. However, I was surprised when I walked in and he had a Mac sitting on his desk.

"It's just a matter of preference... Did I have difficulties with using a Mac at first doing what I'm doing? Yes, but I had problems using a PC when it first came out too," Khazeh said.

There is honestly no better brand for computers. All that matters, whether it is Mac or PC, is that you like the computer you are using. The best advice I can give to all of you that are still unsure about which computer to get is to talk to your professors and department heads, get out there and look around, try out your friends' computers, read online reviews and make a decision based on your personal preferences.

Pit bull ruling paves way for dog prejudice



BY AJIA ALLEN
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Life is at the mercy of the law. Tolerance of the American Staffordshire terrier, otherwise known as the "pit bull," and other pit bull breeds has reintroduced itself in Maryland as a controversial ruling in the Court of Special Appeals in April.

The case of Tracey v. Solesky has spurred a hefty commotion in the Maryland House of Delegates and Senate as well as in the hearts of dog owners everywhere. The Court of Special Appeals recently made a ruling in relation to the case creating a new Maryland Common Law. The new law states that owner knowledge of their dog's breed is a sufficient enough reason to hold them to strict liability for any harm caused by their dog. The new law brands pit bulls as inherently dangerous.

Consequences for the pit bulls are deadly because the law will warrant euthanasia at dog shelters for this breed. They will not be allowed to be adopted from those shelters if the law stands.

Owners face penalties also. Those who have grown attached to their beloved companion may be forced to move from certain properties in order to avoid landlord liability for an injury caused by the dog. Owners' insurance will skyrocket and all of the responsibility will be placed on those owners if an accident occurs due to their pit bulls.

Questioning the dangerous tendency of pit bulls has been common throughout the country for quite some time. Doberman pinschers, Akitas and Rottweilers are other breeds that have been brutally labeled by law.

Pit bulls are relatively aggressive but a breed-specific liability standard is neither right nor necessary. If the law were to stay in effect, the courts will be just shy from slapping laws on any other household pet. Pretty soon reasons such as knowledge of a pet's breed will be deemed adequate enough for the authorities to remove the animal.

Senate and House bills have been at odds this August. The dueling chambers are rigorously attempting to alter the previous ruling of the courts. A decision is yet to be made but the consistent deliberation is at least evidence of the recognition that the new Common Law is extreme and not in a good direction.

Pit bulls are living creatures. They are trainable animals and deserve to be regarded as more than inherently dangerous.

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PARTY GIRL PROBLEMS



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Party Girl Problems
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1. Don't Dial! Find yourself constantly calling the ex as soon as you down a few? Fear no more, virtual self control is the palm of your hand with this app, which allows you to lock a specific contact for a certain amount of time, preventing you from spilling your guts to a former lover or sticking it to your boss via text.

2. Find my iPhone- Find yourself scouring the floors of Brew River for

your phone more times than not or sending the awkward "Hey did you guys find my iPhone?" text to the host of the party you were at the morning after a long night? iPhone has the answer (again), this time in the form of a GPS tracker that locates your phone on Google Maps. Just make sure you use the street view before you roll up to a house on Smith Street demanding your belongings back; it could get ugly.

3. iProcrastinate- While this app can't actually do the work for you (Apple hasn't quite figured that one out yet), it is a god-send for anyone who has a habit of putting tasks of high priority low on the to do list. With color coding and voice reminders, you can even schedule in your Friday morning hangover. Genius!

4. Mixology- For those brave enough to venture out of the Natty Light bubble, Mixology is your new best friend. The app opens your world to a new world of cocktails including drinks by the name of the Four Horsemen and the California Wine Cobbler. Live a little! Guys, no one has to know that you started off your night with something fruity, and girls, nothing screams class like a well made martini.

5. Instagram- There's absolutely no reason not to be on the instastain by now. Not only is it free, but it's a fun and quirky way to communicate in pictures. But don't be fooled by the filters; even the most flattering lighting can't hide hammered.

Are print newspapers at death's door?



BY AMANDA BIEDERMAN
Staff Writer

For journalists and newspaper-lovers, newspaperdeathwatch.com is a scary place.

Created by Paul Gillin, the blog provides a reference listing of all newspapers in America that have been forced to close within the past four years. The list currently includes 14 publications including Tucson Citizen, Rocky Mountain News and the Baltimore Examiner.

Meanwhile, surviving papers are continually forced to make budget and staff cuts to account for decreasing profits. McClatchy Newspapers eliminated 10 percent of its staff in 2010, followed by a 15 percent cut the next year and yet its annual profits are still rapidly decreasing, according to the Pew Project for Excellence in Journalism.

To the younger generation, the origin of this phenomenon is painfully obvious. In the past decade, American culture has flocked to the world of the internet, effectively eliminating the need for physical paper products. With a bit of creativity, there may still be hope for this after all.

One promising cause for hope is that the audience hasn't left; it has simply moved. In 2008, USA Today founder Al Neuharth reported that papers such as USA Today and The Wall Street Journal were thriving, with gains ranging from 1.21 to 7.61 percent. Neuharth attributed the successes to their ability to transition to the modern world, noting that because the papers had strong websites, they were able to provide, publish and advertise at all hours of the day.

"The hunger for all that is greater than ever in history," Neuharth wrote. "That's why newspaper-oriented media companies

have a bright future."

A common misconception about newspapers is that only older people read them. That common belief could not be farther from the truth.

Nearly half of all Americans read a newspaper every day, the majority of whom are, admittedly, older. However, studies by NielsonWire show that these young adults will replace older readers with equal or greater numbers: College graduates are significantly more likely to read a paper, and more Americans are now going to college. The number of college graduates has risen 20 percent in the last 40 years, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. As this rising group emerges to replace its print-based predecessors, it will look for new, more efficient ways to stay informed.

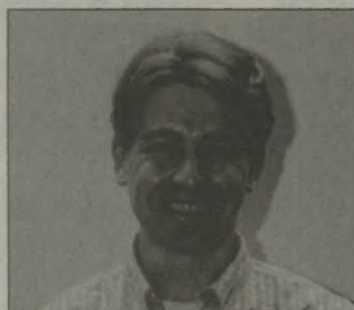
Another sign of hope is that eliminating paper eliminates printing costs, effectively saving newspapers money.

In a 2011 USA Today editorial, David Lieberman noted that newspapers still have a 10 percent profit margin, because adults still spend \$10.5 million per year on them. Online news would help papers cut costs, providing potential for more profit: Lieberman estimated that 85 percent of a newspaper's costs go towards printing supplies. If those costs were eliminated, only minimal advertisement sales would be necessary to keep the papers alive.

Incidentally, the solution lies within what appears to be the heart of the problem. Rather than force internet users back to print, written media must move to where the consumers are most comfortable. Twitter was formed solely for the sake of sharing news. Facebook's "Social Reader" allows users to quickly read an article that interests them, and then instantly share it with their peers.

The internet itself has proven that Americans will never stop reading; the written word has advantages that radio and television will never truly match. Technology provides an opportunity for the written word to become even more accessible in everyday life. As long as newspapers embrace, rather than resist the change, they will thrive in the age of digital media.

A forgotten war in a failing state



BY THELONIOUS W. WILLIAMS
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According to a recent New York Times article, the war in Afghanistan, now nearly 11 years old, has claimed the lives of over 2,000 American service personnel. However, this is probably the first time you are hearing this.

Outside of Osama Bin Laden's death, Barack Obama has made little reference to the Afghanistan War over the past two years. Somewhat surprisingly, Mitt Romney has managed to avoid the issue as well. Unfortunately, the Afghanistan War has become an unwinnable war, with both presidential candidates well aware.

We, as a nation, are nearly as responsible as our presidential candidates in ignoring the war. We, as humans, often don't like admitting that we messed up, and in Afghanistan, we certainly messed up.

So, let us acknowledge our mistake and examine our present situation in Afghanistan a little more closely. On Aug. 30, three Australian North Atlantic Treaty Organization troops were killed in what has become a string of "green-on-blue" attacks, referring to attacks where Afghan security forces turn their weapons on NATO troops. August 2012 has been the deadliest month for these types of attacks. Over 30 green-on-blue attacks have claimed the lives of 45 NATO troops, the majority Americans, and accounting for

a third of the total casualties in the month of August.

The attacks have become so frequent that international soldiers have been ordered to keep their weapons loaded and "hot" at all times, even on base, completely disregarding standard protocol. These attacks present a larger problem than just loss of life. They display a lack of trust between Afghans and NATO personnel.

The United States' 2014 pullout from Afghanistan is contingent upon cooperation between NATO and Afghan forces to establish an effective Afghan security force. However, the increasing frequency of these attacks demonstrates the improbability of a smooth transition of power from the American-lead NATO force to the Afghan government. If NATO forces cannot trust any Afghans, how can they possibly know who should be trained and who will defend the American-backed government in Kabul after 2014?

The most surprising and damaging fact is that according to U.S. General John Allen, Taliban infiltration of Afghan security forces account for only a quarter of these attacks. The overwhelming majority of these attacks were perpetrated by independent Afghans, who felt that NATO forces have overstayed their welcome in Afghanistan.

Many Afghans feel that NATO forces are not the only ones who need to leave. August has also seen a rise in local tribesmen forming militias to drive the Taliban out of their region. Both the New York Times and the Economist have recently published articles about these revolts against Taliban rule.

In the Ghanzi province, near the capital, one of these militias now boasts "having 250 men and control over 50 vil-

lages, representing 4,000 families," according to the August 18 edition of The Economist.

At face value, this appears to be good news. However, these villagers are not now turning to NATO forces for protection; they are just as much at odds with NATO and the Afghan government as they are against the Taliban. Fears have even begun to arise that these movements have been hijacked by the military and political faction, Hezb-i-Islami. A conservative Islamist group, Hezb-i-Islami fights both the Taliban and the NATO-backed government. Coordination between Hezb-i-Islami and local uprisings may add another faction to the already complicated fight for power within Afghanistan.

The Afghanistan war has become no longer a war just between America and the Taliban. Numerous other factions and people have entered into the fray, fighting against both sides of this conflict. August has clearly demonstrated the increasing fragile state of the Afghan "nation." Comprising numerous different tribes that often move between the fluid Afghan-Pakistani border, Afghanistan does not represent much of a modern nation. In 2014, Afghanistan may become the world's latest failed state, if it hasn't already.

No matter who wins this election, there is little the United States can do in Afghanistan. The time for us to build schools, hospitals, and roads has passed. Afghans are telling both NATO and the Taliban to get out. August has demonstrated that they have given up on using words. At this point, all we can do is hope for the best, although I do not foresee a bright future for this forgotten part of the world.

A New Journey of "Why?"



BY MAKAYLA-COURTNEY MCGEENEY
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As an incoming freshman, I have caught on to the question of "why?" The question asked most frequently by little kids is coming into my life once again because I am on a new journey.

This journey towards responsibility and individuality begins with multiple doubts and unanswered questions, like a child on their first day of kindergarten. But at the end of the day, those questions seem to fade into a more appealing reality.

College is a goal that sits in the road ahead of most high school seniors. It's almost inevitable whether it be through family expectations or a general belief that higher education is necessary. Examples of every day college life are portrayed in movies, television shows, books, etc.

Regardless of where a student attends college, they are told that they will succeed. A student is promised a terrific result from the four plus years of hard work, studying, and any other memorable experiences.

As the random waves of sadness result in homesickness, my mind poses a series of

questions. 'Why did I move so far away from home?' 'Why did I choose to go here?' 'What's the point in meeting new people?' 'No one here understands me.'

Unfortunately, these overwhelming questions take over due to the sudden loss of my old life in high school. The relentless summer routine of late nights and carefree days has ceased and the transition isn't moving as smoothly as expected. It will take a great amount of faith to put trust in this advanced path of studies, but only time will tell how well it can purge any unnecessary fears.

The sun may have set after only a handful of days since the new freshmen have moved in to campus, but luckily the previous abundance of uncertainties will soon make sense and completely expire. Constant reassurance will surely prove to be true as the weeks fly by in this new environment.

In other words, college is known to be a once in a lifetime experience, especially due to the tuition, competition and distance away from home. At this point, it would be a wise decision to take some time to realize the importance of surviving the start of freshman year, as well as turning the page over into a clean, new chapter of life.

Adjust to SU! Get involved



BY CHRISTINE KANARAS
Staff Writer

It is a new year and a fresh start. I hope everyone here has had some time to adjust to life here at Salisbury, because we all know it is very different than life at home.

Change can be difficult to cope with, especially if you are a home-body like me. Everyone here at Salisbury is adjusting to something new. This includes freshmen, transfer students, those living in a new place or individuals acquiring a new academic goal. All of these new beginnings can bring

worry and stress in your life. It is important to embrace the changes and look at them in a good light.

My advice is to not miss out on opportunities. With all the hustle and bustle of things, it may seem impossible to get involved or do something other than focus on school, but getting involved will make your college life much more interesting. You will feel more accomplished and feel as though you serve a greater purpose, so do not miss out on the many ways you could get involved.

The best ways to get involved are to join an activity or club. If you are a religious person, join a religious student organization on campus like CRU, Catholic Campus Ministry, or Muslim Students Association. There are many musical and artistic clubs on campus as well. You can also get involved in Student Government Association, club

sports, or even write for the Flyer. There are so many student activities clubs on campus that there is no reason not to get involved.

Another important piece of advice is to find fun ways to deal with stress. Soon you will have exams, quizzes, essays, readings and homework that will seem to take up every second of your life. When you feel bogged down with a lot on your plate, take the time to do something you enjoy. Study breaks I enjoy include baking, going for walks, and Zumba.

Mentioning Zumba, if you like to work out during study breaks, you can check out the University Fitness Center. The UFC has many great programs that help students stay in shape like Yoga, incentive programs, and racquetball.

Finding little things that take your mind off of school for a while can ease your mind. Enjoy the little things in life.

Last Laugh: The death of The Joker

BY ASHA AZARIAH-KRIBBS
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The Joker hasn't been the most fortunate of comic book legends. His face has been used in smears against political figures like Barack Obama, John McCain and George W. Bush. Psychopaths use his name as their pseudonym, as in the Aurora, Colorado shooting during "The Dark Knight Rises" midnight screening.

There have been theories it was the Joker's overbearing personality that caused actor Heath Ledger's death. This has been disproved. The drug overdose was accidental. What is it about the Joker that attracts such misfortune?

The Joker is a striking figure in the super-villain hall of fame. Lacking the malevolent deliberation and supernatural prowess most of the bad ones possess, the Joker is something of an anomaly. With no solid history giving insight to his present, as with fleshed-out antagonists from Lex Luthor to Magneto, all that may be relied on here is a vat of acid. But oddly enough, many are fascinated with the Joker because his mysterious past.

The horror underlying every clown's mask is always a question of what lies beneath. There is anything but good-hearted levity in the painted, rigor mortis smile. As most hardcore Batman fans know, Victor Hugo's "The Man Who Laughs" is the primary inspiration for the Joker's appearance. Like Hugo's Gwynplaine, the Joker's place in the world is influenced by people's perception of him. There the similarity ends.

Unlike Gwynplaine, the Joker is an embodiment of the depravity he both scorns and, perversely, loves. He uses his deformity to break the barriers society would otherwise force, creating for himself a persona both terrifying and

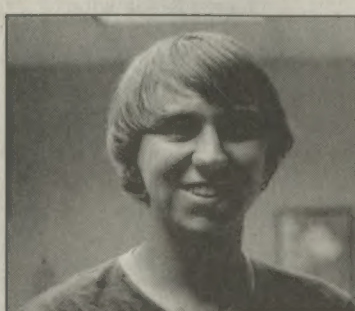
compelling. Where Gwynplaine broke, the Joker thrives. That's his attraction. The Joker doesn't want to be pitied. He couldn't care less about his past. He sees himself only as a contender for Gotham's soul. There is a battle of wits in the DC Universe between Batman and the Joker that the Joker himself seems often to loathe to end.

The Joker isn't in it for vengeance or evil for evil's sake. It's all about the game. Aurora shooter James Holmes doesn't deserve the name "Joker," and it's a serious mistake to give him this title as on "Drudge Report" and other news headlines. This lets the killer win. That allows him to achieve his goal, to take for himself a mantle frankly too big for him.

If there can be a complaint against Nolan's "Dark Knight," it is only that in his desire to portray the hopelessness of Gotham, Nolan fails to show us the Joker of the original DC comics; the sly, grandiose baddie in spats who first won both our antipathy and respect. The Joker exists far above the squalor of the Falcones and the systematic murders of serial killers Zsaz and Calendar Man. He is Batman's antithesis and lives for it. Without Batman, gone would be the challenge at the root of the Joker's ingenious design.

Between bad press and Mark Hamill's retirement from the role, Joker's future looks grim. Nonetheless, the Joker is a part of the American imagination that cannot be denied. And having seen photos of Anthony Misiano's cosplay at the Comic Con in San Diego, there's little doubt that talent survives to endure Mr. J. to us in film again with a style more classic in tradition. Wrong voice? Well, no one would have thought Luke Skywalker had it in him, either.

The 'Paleo-conservative' views of Republican Senate candidates



BY STEVEN CENNAME
Editorial Editor

Todd Akin, the Republican candidate for the Missouri U.S. Senate seat, has said it is impossible for a woman to get pregnant in a "legitimate rape" because "the female body has a way to shut that whole thing down."

Todd Akin, a guy who apparently believes that a woman's body has a way to magically kill sperm during a rape, is currently a U.S. Representative who has a seat on the House Science committee, despite lacking the most basic knowledge of biology. Pollsters and political analysts have suggested that Akin's comments virtually destroy his chances of getting elected to the senate, despite the fact that he is only down by one point in the most recent poll.

Despite the media uproar over Akin's comments and leaders from his own party begging him to drop out, he is not the only Republican senatorial candidate with views that have no place in the U.S. Senate.

Indiana Republican senatorial candidate Richard Mourdock has a backwards and obnoxious view of bipartisanship. Mourdock seems to

think that Washington has too much bipartisanship. Too much bipartisanship is not the problem in Washington; the lack of it is. When Democrats and Republicans work together in Washington, we get progress.

Bill Clinton and Newt Gingrich, despite their constant bickering, were able to work together when our country needed it the most, leading to economic boom. Deadlock on Capitol Hill is preventing progress, and Mourdock would just continue that deadlock. Mourdock's "my way or the highway" ideology is the last thing America needs right now.

Florida's Republican senate candidate, Connie Mack IV, when asked during an interview about his views on college loans, said "what my constituents care about are jobs and the economy." While the statement is true, Mack fails to realize that college loans are an economic issue. That statement was basically a middle finger to the thousands of college students in Florida. He later said that talking about student loans is "a distraction from the real issues."

I am sure that Mack's unwillingness to discuss his views about this issue will go over really well with students at the University of Florida, Florida State, Florida A&M, University of Miami, University of Central Florida, University of South Florida, Florida International University, Florida Atlantic University, Bethune-Cookman University and the many other colleges and universities in Florida.

Mack has a reputation of being childish and having a tendency of not being transparent about his views. Even Florida Republicans have called Mack "the Charlie Sheen of politics."

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The scary thing is that all three of these candidates have a legitimate shot at winning. And these guys are also not the only ones with dangerous, far-right views. There are many sitting senators and representatives with crazy, paleoconservative views that will take America backwards instead of forwards. Giving the party of Akin, Mourdock and Mack total control of the Senate will be disastrous. If that happens, rape victims will be forced to have the baby of their rapist, women will not have equal access to health care, and the middle class will be thrown under the bus. America needs to prevent that from happening.



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Artist harmonizes melodies and color

BY JASMINE CLAY
Staff Writer

Art-lovers can usually enjoy either audio or visual arts at the Fulton Gallery, but now visitors can see the two converge at the "Audio-Visual: The Intersection of Art & Music" exhibit by artist Liz Kauffman.

The show draws inspiration from Theresa Sauer's book "Notations 21," which looks at visual notations and visual music scores. Sauer was inspired by an original score by musician, composer and visual artist John Cage.

"Based upon this interesting project Sauer has put together, Liz Kauffman created the audiovisual show which is the relationship between music and visual arts... how one influenced the other and how one influences creation of one another," said Fulton Gallery staff worker Marisa Sage.

Many of the pieces are influences, creations or visual representations of music and paintings influenced by music. Kauffman said the two forms are so interconnected that they seem to naturally go together.

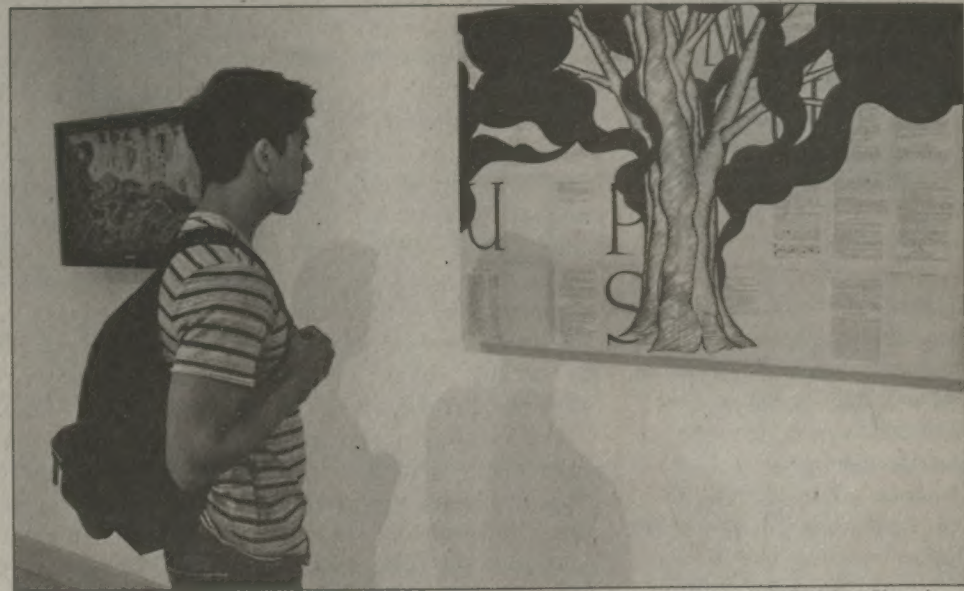
"Music and the visual arts are no stranger to each other," she said. "When thinking about the points at which these two creative disciplines intersect, the examples shown are almost overwhelming... music affects visual art, where music becomes visual and where

"Music and the visual arts are no stranger to each other,"

the two become indistinguishable." The art displays scores that can be played by an orchestra, some are abstract while some are very literal. Most of the pieces are paintings, but there are also a few three-dimensional sculptures on the ground around the gallery. These pieces, by artist Nathalie Miebach, are visual representations of weather patterns that have been translated into music. They are brightly colored and made of reed, sponge, wood, rope, metal and whicker.

Some might see Miebach's work as a relationship between weather and the emotions of the people in the artist's hometown, encompassed in a visual sculpture. Miebach said she loves to connect between the arts and science.

"(My art) is read very differently depending on where you place it. You place it in an art museum, it becomes a sculpture. You place it in a science museum; it becomes a three-dimensional visualization of data. You place it in a musical; it all of a sudden becomes a musical score," she said. "The work offers an alternative entry point into the complexity of



Jasmine Clay photo
Junior art minor Dan McDonald examines one of Kauffman's paintings.

science. Not everyone has a Ph.D. so for me that was my way into it."

Junior art minor Dan McDonald said he was struck by the unique concepts behind the artwork.

"I haven't seen too many displays where they blend aspects of music without the actual sound," McDonald said. "The art was abstract, as if I was in another dimension. It was neat."

MORE INFORMATION:
The exhibit will be displayed in the gallery until Sept. 27. The next show opens Oct. 4 and features a group of graphic designers from Chicago, Plural Design, who will create a visual playground of installation, light and design. The gallery is located in Fulton 109 and is open Monday thru Thursday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturday 12 - 5 p.m.

Authors, students discuss justice

BY DIANA LEWIS
Staff Writer

On the morning of Aug. 24, "Picking Cotton" co-author Jennifer Thompson-Cannino spoke at convocation to incoming freshmen on how her father's hardships with poverty helped him become a role model and inspiration for his family.

Thompson-Cannino related her father's troubles to the struggles she endured throughout her own life, which the students read in her book as part of the New Student Reader program. "Picking Cotton" recounts the experience that Thompson-Cannino goes through when she is gruesomely raped in her own home. When the young college student is asked to pick out her perpetrator from a lineup of seven possible criminals, she mistakenly picks out Ronald Cotton.

Cotton is sentenced to life plus 50 years in prison, but only has to suffer 11 years before he is proven innocent by DNA evidence. Cotton is released from jail, and he and Thompson-Cannino become close friends. The book expresses the point of view from

both sides of the battle, the victim and the accused.

In her speech, Thompson-Cannino discussed issues that students had written about in their reflection essays, an additional requirement of the program. Students had the option to submit the essay for a chance to receive a bookstore gift card, recognition at convocation and the opportunity to meet with Thompson-Cannino and co-author Cotton.

Afterwards, students held a discussion on their opinions of the book. Many had anger towards the young woman for accusing an innocent man, while others felt sympathy for Cotton as he fought hard to prove his innocence. Many students questioned how after everything that had happened, the two main characters came out to be the best of friends. Another topic was the decision to use the book two years in a row.

Last year, incoming freshmen were also assigned "Picking Cotton" for the program, but were unable to fully undergo the program's experience when orientation was disrupted by Hurricane Irene. Interim Associate Dean of Students and New Student

Reader Program Head Lavanda Dockins-Mills said the book was chosen again primarily for the sake of convenience, because the preparations from last year were never used, and she believed students would benefit from those preparations.

Dockins-Mills said she was struck by the variety of topics within the student essays, which included forgiveness, friendship and the weaknesses of the judicial system.

"It was interesting to see the diversity of what students thought was most compelling about the book," Dockins-Mills said.

The winner of the contest was Jewel Johnson. The first runner-up in the essay contest was Taylor Hopkins and Marissa Shervin received the honorable mention. In her essay, Jordan reflected on the theme of forgiveness within "Picking Cotton," ultimately concluding that the book was powerful and life-changing.

"As a country we need to not forget about our past but look through false beliefs and get to know people for who they are," Jordan said. "We need to get to understand each other and not be closed-minded."



BY COREY NETHEN
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It wasn't until I was about 20,000 feet above the ground that I realized I would not be coming back to Salisbury this semester.

Despite the orientation meetings, hours spent packing and shopping for outlet converters, my semester abroad in Málaga, Spain seemed like a faraway dream all summer long. Sitting near the boarding gate in JFK, I felt a little anxious as I intently eavesdropped on numerous Spanish conversations and came out with little comprehension. Sure, I'm only four credits away from completing a Spanish minor, but now I'm placed in an atmosphere where my knowledge of the language will be needed for much more than gaining an A on a presentation on crime in Brazil.

Over the next four months, this language will help me get through everyday tasks and navigate in an unknown area. Once I had boarded, I was lucky enough to be seated next to a woman from Cadiz (a Spanish city near Málaga). Throughout random conversations on the seven hour flight, she answered any questions that I had about Málaga and was happy to do so. It's amazing how friendly and helpful the people are in Spain.

Once my baggage was secured, I set off to meet a woman affiliated with the company that leases the

apartment I'm living in over the semester. Even though I had not slept for about 36 hours, my eyes nearly popped out of my head as we drove closer and closer to central Málaga. Beautiful mountain landscapes, incredible architecture and some of the most unstructured driving maneuvers I have witnessed; I was finally in Spain.

After arriving outside of my apartment in the heart of the historic center, I quickly learned that the Hispanic culture is not keen on the promiscuity. The woman with my key was running 30 minutes late, so my escort from the airport suggested we head to one of the many "cafeterias," or coffee shops, and relax until we had access to the apartment. I ordered my first class of "zum de naranja," a fresh-squeezed orange juice that puts Minute Maid to shame.

I noticed a small group of young adults sitting outside and had to do a double take when I realized their choice beverage at 8 a.m.; ice cold beer. My escort described to me that these early morning boozers were still out from the night before and were most likely having a final brew before sleeping the day away; a typical pattern for natives of the city. I couldn't help but grin as I set down my empty glass and stared out the window taking in my first dose of culture shock.

Despite new competition, smaller shops stay optimistic

BY AMANDA BIEDERMAN
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It's time to wake up and smell the coffee. Starbucks is officially set to open a new shop below Sea Gull Square sometime between Sept. 19-27.

While the new move will be convenient for caffeine-loving students, the franchise could potentially be a threat to the city's local businesses such as Zeppole Cafe, Pemberton Coffeehouse and Common Grounds, all of which are located within five miles of SU's campus.

According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, over 50 percent of small businesses fail within the first five years, often due to competition with larger corporations. Yet the smaller shops in the Salisbury area say they are not worried.

Common Grounds manager Tri Townsend said he does not expect the new opening to dramatically affect his shop's business. He said that although there was a slight drop-off in sales when SU students left for the summer, the majority of the business' revenue comes from the city as a whole.

Austin Zdziencik and Erin Fallaev, managers of Zeppole and Pemberton, respectively, both said they believe another

Starbucks would be a positive addition to the community.

"It's always good to have coffee," Fallaev said. "So all the power to them... Salisbury's a big town, so I don't think it will have too much impact (on Pemberton)."

Zdziencik predicted the new business will be more likely to take away business from the Cool Beans Cafe, because both shops would be competing on campus. However, SU Satellite Dining Retail Manager Bill Allen said he is not overly concerned about the new competition.

"The truth is, college students aren't huge coffee drinkers," Allen said, noting that the most popular drinks at Cool Beans are its smoothies. "There may be an impact, but competition is not new. We've always had it."

Allen added that Cool Beans' coffee, which is advertised as the Starbucks brand, is sold significantly more cheaply than the original franchises. In addition, students can pay for the drinks with pre-paid Dining Dollars.

In a poll of 50 SU students, 31 said they would prefer Cool Beans. Seventeen said they would prefer Starbucks, and only two said they plan to travel off campus this semester for their caffeine fix.

The students polled live both on and off campus, and ranged from sophomore to senior status. Casual and non-scientific, the poll was conducted through Facebook over the summer.

Sophomore Tom Serbert said he would probably continue going to Cool Beans for the variety of merchandise.

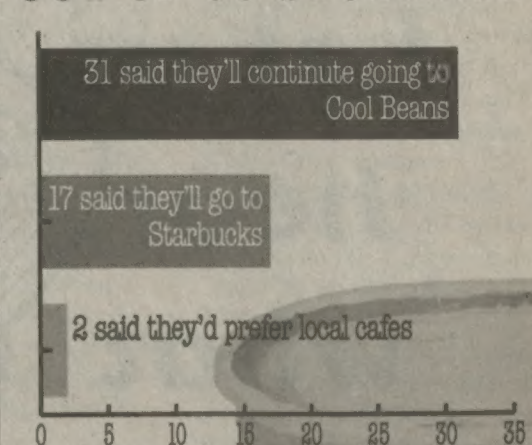
"They have plenty of options, and I love a lot of their stuff," he said, adding that the cafe's white chocolate mochas are his "drink of choice."

Senior Bridget Willey said that she would likely go to Starbucks more often because, as a Sea Gull Square resident, the new shop would be closer.

"It will be more convenient in the evenings if I want a smoothie," Willey said. "But I'll still go to Cool Beans every once in a while."

Rinnier Development Company said the shop plans to open as soon as possible, but was unable to confirm its hours of operation. For updates, visit "Sea Gull Square Retail" on Facebook.

OUT OF 50 STUDENTS



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Graphic by Adora Bowman

Health Report

BY SARAH WOODS
Health Columnist

Many students wonder why they need to be vaccinated against bacterial meningitis, a disease that infects only about 15,000 Americans annually.

Yet despite its rarity, meningitis is lethal and dangerous. Students in dorms are six times more likely to contract the disease than other adults and adolescents, according to the National Meningitis Association.

One of seven young adults infected with meningitis will die, according to the NMA website. Of those who survive, 20 percent will suffer "brain damage, kidney disease, hearing loss or limb amputations."

Another danger of bacterial meningitis is that it often goes undiagnosed. The early symptoms such as fever, malaise and stiff muscles can easily be mistaken for the flu. However, the disease can kill within hours. By the time a victim is sick enough to be concerned, they could be minutes from death and unable to get help.

The symptoms of meningitis include sleepiness, high fever, confusion, light sensitivity, seizures, severe headache and stiff neck. Anyone experiencing a combination of these symptoms should call for medical help immediately.

Meningitis is spread through air droplets (coughing, sneezing) and direct contact (kissing, sharing a fork or straw). The only sure way to prevent meningitis is vaccination.

Maryland law has a provision that allows a waiver to be signed by a student or guardian if they wish to not be vaccinated. If the student was vaccinated before the age of 16, a booster shot is recommended.

Dark Shadows, Revamped

BY ASHA AZARIAH-KRIBBS
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"Dark Shadows" is the latest of a line of gothic and occasionally burlesque fantasies fried and seasoned by director Tim Burton and electrified to quasi-solid completion by his favored thespian, Johnny Depp who plays the vampiric Barnabas Collins.

The film opens in 18th-century England. The Collins family rises to wealth through a series of flashbacks before settling at last in aptly named Collingsport, New England. All would be perfect, were it not for young Barnabas's idle tryst with Angelique Bouchard (Eva Green), an ambitious servant girl whose extracurricular activities consist mainly of reading spell tomes and summoning devils. Spurned by Barnabas, she wreaks havoc on the Collins family, concluding her revenge by cursing her former lover to all the soulless disadvantages of vampirism as well as

the confines of a standard six-by-two.

There is no denying Burton is a master of set design. Barnabas in the midst of Angelique's torments, ensconced in the claustrophobic Collins library or accompanied by his doomed love, Josette DuPres (Bella Heathcote), on a grey little balcony are weirdly unforgettable.

Burton is at his best when the gothic estate itself is a character. Poignant and effective, the house appears shrouded in mist, its creeping, cloying evil setting the mood for a film that might have been fraught with suspense if not for two centuries lost and Barnabas' comically jarring introduction to the novelties of modern living.

While the plot is at times lacking, the characters themselves provide an entertainment not dissimilar from the Addams family's appeal. Of all the original personalities, Elizabeth Stoddard (Michelle Pfeiffer) maintains her mien of non-nonsense. Chloë Grace Moretz as Carolyn suf-

fered the most, changing the bubble-headed but innocent bombshell to a teenage rebel obsessed with her own sexuality. Bella Heathcote puts in a memorably affecting performance as both Josette and Victoria Winters, Barnabas' past and present loves.

As for Barnabas himself, Jonathan Frid, the actor from the original series, defined the character with his shy yet aloof manner, a romantic ghost out of time and place. Depp handles the role with a similar gentility, but there is a villainous twist to his character that was not so manifest in Frid. This Barnabas, while thwarting the advances of his nemesis Angelique, is also an active vampire, killing with a strange mixture of remorse and glee.

So if you enjoy a bit of madness, mayhem and heaven for misfits, "Dark Shadows" despite itself will be that careless bit of black adventure that carries you through even the worst of Burton.

Freshmen connect through Facebook

BY JESSIE KARANGU
Staff Writer

Between a changing environment, meeting people and taking on more responsibilities, entering college as an incoming freshman can be one of the most difficult processes to go through in life.

Not too long ago, students getting a taste of the college experience for the first time would have to rely on their parents or older siblings for advice on what to do in order to become a successful college student. But with the continued advancement of technology, which is taking the young generation by storm, new students will seek each other out before even setting foot in their new dorm.

Facebook is known as one of the biggest distractions derailing students of all ages from academic success, but in this case it has provided class of 2016 a head start to the university lifestyle. Leaders of various clubs and organizations have already begun to recruit potential members on the page while classmates, roommates and "party-mates" are already making plans of how to partake upon this voyage together.

Sydney Metzger credits the page for helping her get

more comfortable with her new schoolmates, laying a foundation for close friendships.

"I found my roommate through (the page), and have had the chance to talk to other people I wouldn't have known," she said. "I like how it gives us a way to talk to each other and ask questions so you don't feel as clueless or alone."

Amanda Reed gives thanks to the page for helping her develop "Sea Gull pride."

"This group has helped me tremendously. If it wasn't for the 600 people in this group, I wouldn't know where to get my books or submit my orientation essay," she said. "I've already developed friendships and bonds and haven't stepped foot on campus. I love my Salisbury Class of 2016 even though I haven't even met them yet, thanks to this group."

Despite the mostly positive feedback the page has received from most members, it still raises the question of whether Facebook, in a quest to make campus life easier, actually ruins the college experience. A recent study by Badoo.com has shown that 39 percent of college students spend more time socializing online than face-to-face while 33 percent are more likely to speak to someone new online than in person.

Cool Beans smoothie of the month review

BY THE SMOOTHIE KING

On a cold, rainy Salisbury day, one might be in a search for something to brighten up their outlook before hitting the books to finish their first week of homework. Look no further than our own coffee shop Cool Beans for the elixir of happiness, in the form of their Strawberry-Lemon Glace.

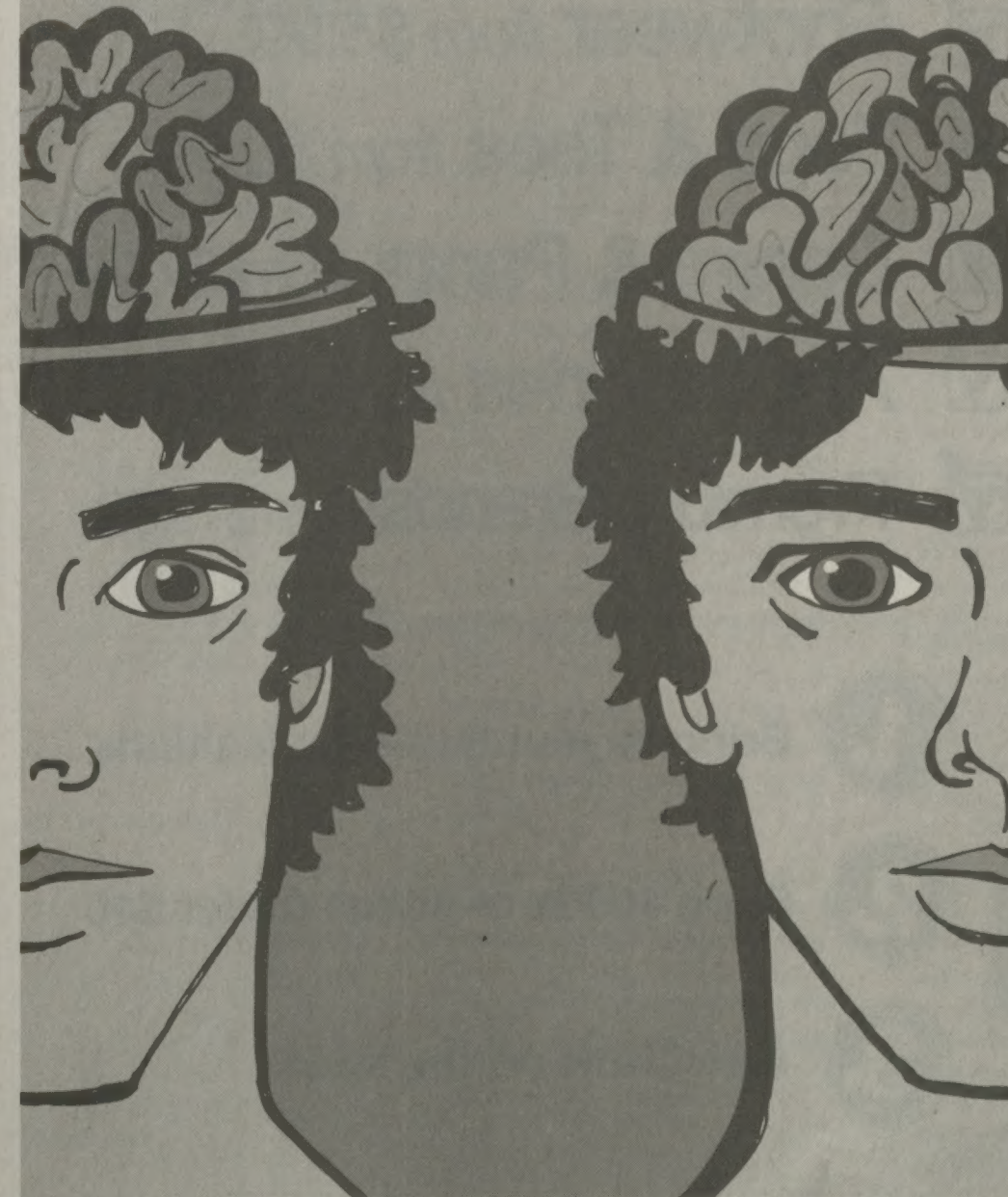
Don't be fooled by the simple concoction of citrusy fruit deliciousness; this smoothie contains not just the dynamics of the typical strawberry treat, but also the delightful tart of the lemon. Yes, that's two fresh fruit items all mixed into one smile inducing iced treat.

At a serving of 16oz for the low price on your Gull Card of \$2.99 (avoid that tad- you're in college now), you can walk from the GUC to TETC and then get lost in MAGGS all while staying fresh and satisfied.

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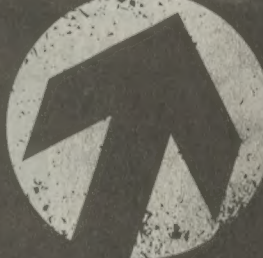
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Men's soccer blazes through Classic

BY GEORGE KIRIAZOGLU AND JUSTIN ODENDHAL
Staff Writer and Photo Editor

The Salisbury University men's soccer team passed through the first weekend of action unscathed, finishing the Elmer Lord Classic with a record of 2-0. The Gulls took down Penn St. Altoona 6-0 on Friday, and completed their pitch dominating performance against Stockton College with a 1-0 victory.

Salisbury struck early as Matt Greene put two goals in the back of the net within the first 10 minutes of the game, to put the Sea Gulls up 2-0. Senior midfielder Jeremy Moyer set up Matt Greene for his goals with his brilliant passing.

"Matt Greene has a responsibility to be dangerous and create as many goal scoring chances as he can in each match," said coach DiBartolo, now in his 31st year as head coach.

The Gulls continued their domination of the game by keeping possession of the ball

and firing shot after shot at their opponent. "We had a very good preseason but our final preseason match had to be cancelled due to weather issues, as a result the guys were excited and ready to go in the first match," said coach DiBartolo.

Later in the game Matt Greene completed a pass to junior forward Trevor Sharpe who took control of the ball and shot it passed the Altoona goalie to increase Salisbury's lead to 3-0 in the first half of play.

With a comfortable lead Salisbury continued to control the ball in the second half and played their game of possession.

Three more goals would come in the second half, as senior forward Phil Bucheimer put a shot in the net after receiving a pass from the freshman midfielder



Justin Odendhal photo

Senior midfielder Jeremy Moyer (8) takes on Stockton College.

Michael Feeney.

To close out the game and secure a victory for Salisbury, sophomore midfielder Stephen Poorman and senior forward

Adrian Tombini both scored off of well placed crosses into the box.

On the second day of the Elmer Lord Classic, Salisbury once again came out strong and confident against their opponent Stockton College.

A combination of solid passing and consistent ball control were the Gulls' strengths on offense; with aggression attacks on defense held back the Ospreys from scoring in the game.

Seniors Nate Woods, Larry Cornish, Chase Humphrey, and Kyle Simmons stood out on the defensive side of the ball for Salisbury by only allowing the Ospreys four shots on goal. Senior goalkeeper John Vneshak saved all four shots, continuing his shut out for the tournament.

"We take a lot of pride in our defensive effort and anytime you can get two shutouts in two matches make us

very satisfied. I thought we were tested by Stockton on a number of their set pieces and their penetrating runs throughout the match," said DiBartolo. "All in all we were very satisfied with our defensive effort." On the other side of the ball, Salisbury got their lone strike in the game as junior midfielder Adam Quigley took a through ball between two defenders from senior forward Adrian Tombini late in the first half of action.

This match between the Sea Gulls and the Ospreys was one physical match with over a dozen fouls called and five yellow cards given out. "They are a very organized and disciplined team and we knew they would be very difficult to play against," said DiBartolo of Stockton club.

In the end the Salisbury Sea Gulls remained undefeated and champions of the Elmer Lord Men's Soccer Tournament. Senior midfielder Jeremy Moyer was named tournament MVP with two goals. With back to back wins, the Salisbury men's soccer team is on their way to a successful season.



Justin Odendhal photo

Senior forward Phil Bucheimer (11) dribbles through the Altoona defense.

Athlete Spotlight

Dan Griffin



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BY ANDREW CANTOR
Staff Writer

Senior starting quarterback Dan Griffin had a brilliant junior season as he led the Sea Gulls to the national quarterfinals last year. The reigning Empire 8 offensive player of the year looks for the team to build on their momentum and make a championship run this season.

How did you pick Salisbury?

I picked Salisbury because of the great atmosphere I saw on my visit, as well as the prestigious football program.

What is your major?

My major is physical education with a minor in exercise science.

What do you want to do after graduation?

After college, I would like to pursue a career working in an active environment with athletes and/or students. Whether it is teaching, coaching or something along the lines of personal training, I would like to work with high school-aged students to keep them healthy and fit.

When did you start playing as quarterback?

I started playing quarterback as well as other positions in my rec league days, but once I got to high school I focused primarily on being quarterback.

What is it like being quarterback in a triple option offense?

Being a quarterback in a triple option offense is awesome. Having the ball in your hands to make split second decisions and reactions makes it very exciting. I couldn't see myself being a drop back traditional style quarterback.

The team made a deep run into playoffs last season, is anything less than a national championship a disappointment?

This year we look to get even further. We have been to the quarterfinals and we have played the national championship team, so we know what that feels like. As a team, getting back to where we were last year will be nothing new and we look to build on our success.

What do you think of the NFL referee lockout? What kind of affects do you think this may have on the game?

As we have seen so far in the preseason, there have been some calls missed as well as misunderstandings coming from inexperienced referees. I don't think it will have too much of an effect on the game, but may cause frustration and some blame for losses coming from the players and coaches.

SU night at Shorebird Stadium



Justin Odendhal photo

SU students enjoy a night out at the Arthur W. Perdue stadium with Sherman the Shorebird.

BY ALEX YOUNG
Sports Editor

Under the lights at the Arthur W. Perdue Stadium, Salisbury University teamed up with the Delmarva Shorebirds, Salisbury's baseball team, to create a fun filled environment for the community. Students from all classes at SU showed up in support of the Shorebirds as they took on the Lakewood Blueclaws.

On the night of Aug. 28th, however, was unlike any other because it was SU night at the Shorebirds home field. All SU students were welcomed with open arms as they entered the gates of the stadium.

The Delmarva Shorebirds are the Class "A" South Atlantic Minor League Baseball affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles. The field at Arthur W. Perdue Stadium has been called home to the Shorebirds since April 1996. Since then, the Shorebirds have become a well-known symbol of athletics in the Delmarva area.

Salisbury University has been an affiliate of the Delmarva Shorebirds for many years now and the Eastern Shore bond is only getting

stronger. Salisbury University freshman interacted with the Shorebirds mascot, Sherman, and got involved with different activities that were going on during the game such as dancing in the stands, free t-shirt give aways, and trivia questions.

"I really enjoyed the mascot Sherman, getting pictures with my friends from SU, and just enjoying a great night of baseball," said Freshman Kristen Phillips. "I look forward to more activities like this because it gives me a lot of opportunities to meet new people and it is a lot of fun to come out and support our community baseball team."

Salisbury University and the Delmarva Shorebirds provide a great quality of community interactions between each other such as this event.

"I love the community feeling that Salisbury provides. Everyone is very nice and helpful whenever I have questions or concerns," said freshman Cierra Crist.

With a stadium full of Delmarva enthusiasts and fellow SU students, the Shorebirds played a tough game against the Lakewood Blueclaws. The

Shorebirds started the first few innings strong with big plays made by third baseman Dudley Leonora and pitcher Zach Davies.

However, by the top of the fifth inning the Lakewood Blueclaws were up 3-0 and the Shorebirds still did not have a batter touch home plate. Even with a clutch play by the Shorebirds catcher Michael Ohlman, Delmarva still trailed 4-0 in the bottom of the seventh inning. With bases loaded in the top of the eighth inning, the Shorebirds had two huge chances to make runs but did not pull through. At the bottom of the ninth inning, the score stood at a standstill 4-0 with the Blueclaws winning the face off.

All in all, the night ended on the good note because of the supporters and fans of the community and Salisbury students. The Delmarva Shorebirds and Salisbury University are more than just a team, they are also what bring the local hearts of the community together to share a common interest, the love of baseball.

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